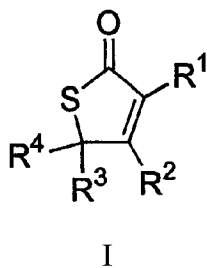


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula I:



wherein:

$R^1 = H$

$R^2 = -OH, -OR^5, -OCH_2C(O)R^5, -OCH_2C(O)NHR^5, -OC(O)R^5, -OC(O)OR^5, -OC(O)NHNH-R^5, \text{ or } -OC(O)NR^5R^6$, where R^5 and R^6 are each independently H, C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl, and where R^5 and R^6 can each optionally contain halogen atoms;

$R^3 \equiv$ ~~and R^4 , the same or different from each other, are~~ H, C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl;

$R^4 = C_1$ - C_{20} alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl;

with the proviso that when R^2 is $-OH, -OCH_3$, or $-OC(O)CF_3$ and R^3 is $-CH_3$, then R^4 is not ~~$-CH_2CH_2OH, -CH_2(C_6H_5)$, or $-CH=CH-CH_3$~~ , and

the further proviso that when R^3 is $-CH_2-(C_6H_5)$, then R^4 is not $-CH_3$ or $-CH_2CH_3$.

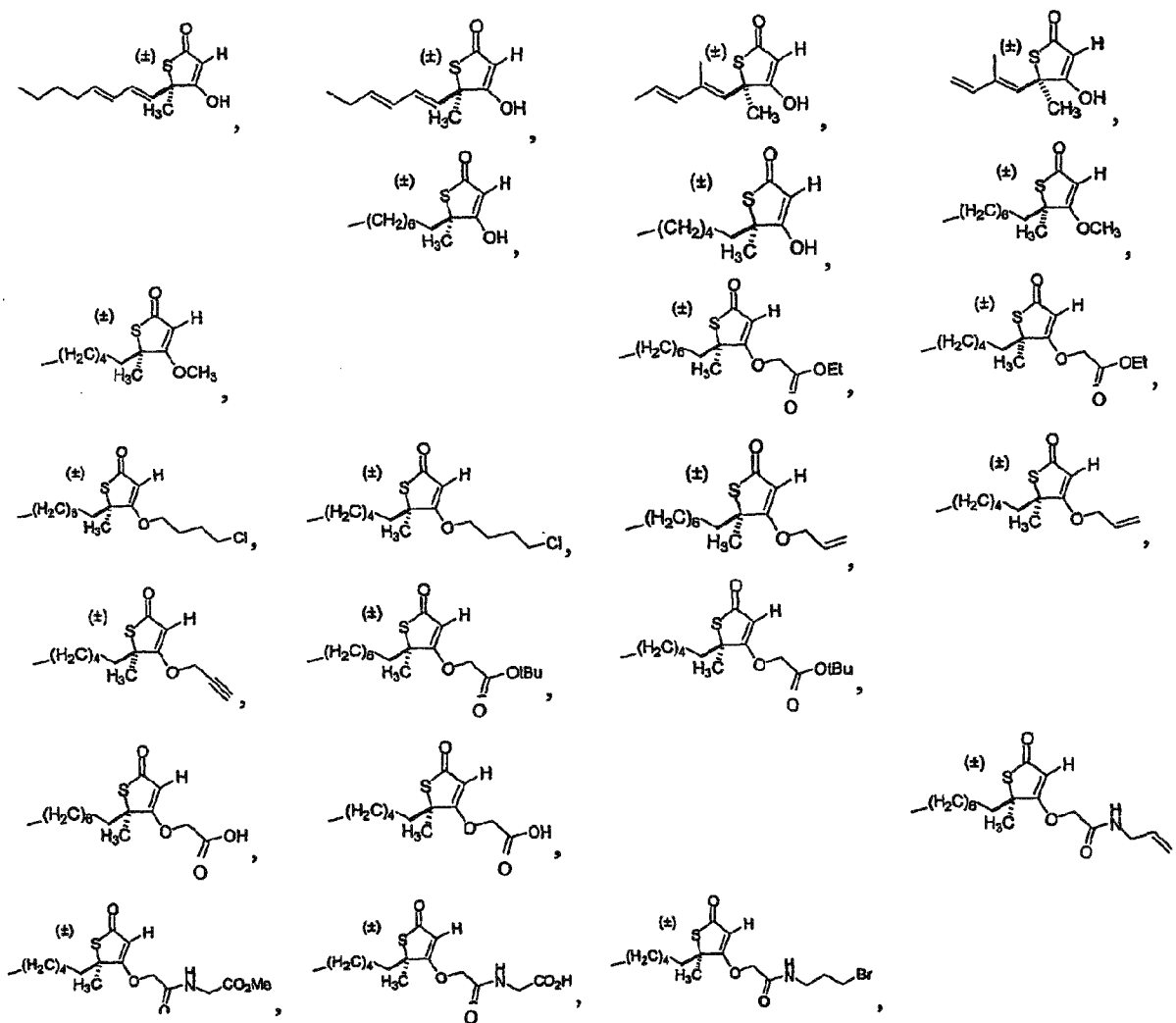
2. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^5 is H, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl or alkylaryl.

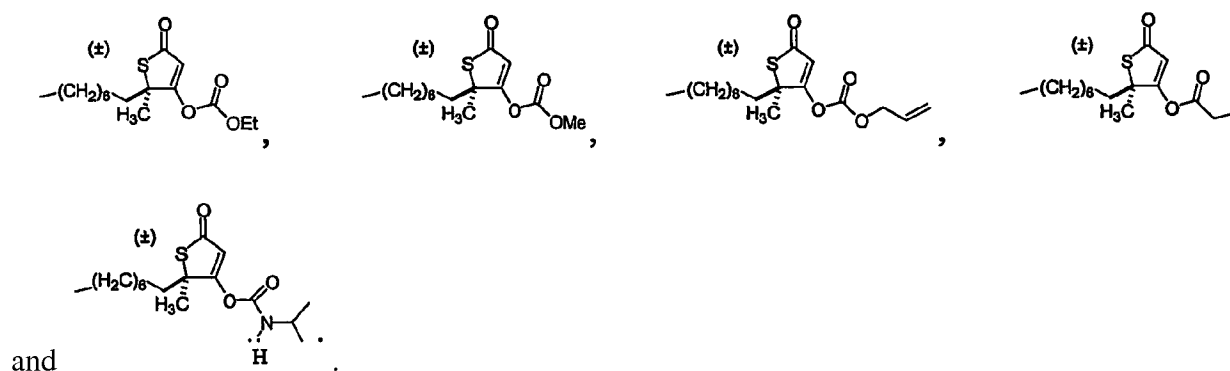
3. (Original) A compound according to claim 2, wherein R^5 is H, or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl.

4. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^3 is ~~and R^4 are each~~ independently H, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl, and R^4 is C_1 - C_{10}

alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl.

5. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 4, wherein R^3 is and R^4 are each independently H, or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, and R^4 is C_1 - C_{10} alkyl.
6. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein, R^3 is $-H$ or $-CH_3$.
7. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^4 is $-nC_6-C_8$ alkyl.
8. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:





9-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutical diluent and a compound according to claim 1 of formula I.

19-55. (Cancelled)

56. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, where:

R^1 is H;

R^2 is $-\text{OCH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NHR}^5$, where R^5 is C_1 - C_{10} aryl containing a halogen atom;

R^3 is $-\text{CH}_3$; and

R^4 is $-\text{n-C}_6\text{-C}_8$ alkyl.

57. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutical diluent and the compound of claim 56.

58-66. (Cancelled)